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The monthly
newsletter of the
Fair Oaks United
Methodist Church

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MAY 2012



New Office Hours!

New office hours for our new administrative assistant:
**Monday-Friday
9:00 am-1:00 pm**



Wanted: Children's Time Leaders

Do you enjoy the Sunday morning Children's Time as much as the children do? Turn to **page 6** to find out how you can become more involved!

FOUMC MEMBERS IN BUSINESS!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING By Church Council

Sunday, May 6, Wesley Hall, after worship service

All church members and attendees are urged to attend an important presentation by the Finance Committee and FOUMC Board of Trustees following services May 6, 2012 regarding a recently negotiated agreement with Unison Site Management, LLC, to take over management of the FOUMC cell tower leases. This presentation will include a brief history regarding the cell towers and the new contract. Also the Finance Committee will discuss their recommendations regarding the utilization of the funds received:

- ◆ Pay off existing loan from the Board of Missions. (\$42,501) DONE
- ◆ Set aside the majority of funds received to offset the loss in monthly revenue currently received.
- ◆ Designate a portion of funds to maintenance and upkeep projects overseen by Trustees.

A list of the proposed Trustees Projects will be presented categorized by Safety, Maintenance, Disability Access, and Improvements.

Please join the Finance Committee and the members of the Board of Trustees following services on Sunday, May 6 in Wesley Hall for this important informational presentation.



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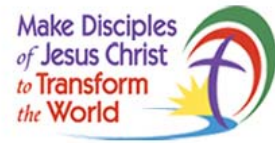
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**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012**
APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 4, 2012 • TAMPA, FL



Our Prayer for General Conference

By Pastor Jeong Park

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body, the General Conference, will gather April 24 to May 4, 2012, in Tampa, Florida. Structurally speaking, our church (Fair Oaks United Methodist Church) is a part of Bridge District local churches and Bridge District has a link to the Cal-Nevada Annual Conference (one of 59 annual conferences in the U.S. and one of eight annual conferences in the Western Jurisdiction). Every four years, annual conference delegates (equal numbers of lay and clergy, 988 this year) from around the world come to the General Conference and they work together to revise the Book of Discipline, set policy and direction for the church. According to the Book of Discipline, General Conference is the only entity that speaks for The United Methodist Church.

By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the 2012 General Conference will deal with some important legislations: One of our great hopes is that we can create more "vital congregations" in our denomination. This will be the central focus of our United Methodist Church for the next ten years. The whole body will prayerfully work on this matter and make strategies. I hear that the General Conference will work on "apportionment" issues as well. Traditionally, United Methodists are generous and passionate givers for "missions". They will pray and work for the mission and the connectional church with a reflective question, "What will inspire United Methodists to give generously and joyfully to the denomination?" I also hear another big topic regards the pastor's appointment system. The General Conference will revisit our current appointment system and whether it can still value vital congregations or not. They will explore a new possibility of whether they can make a better and more effective system for the future of the United Methodist Church. The General Conference will revisit problems of the language and laws about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline for debate once more.

I hope and pray that the General Conference will make good decisions for the future of our denomination and for God's mission for the world. I also ask for your prayer and support to the General Conference.



Pastor Jeong



Many Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped make Easter a wonderful day! Special thanks to the small army of Easter egg stuffers, candy donors, and egg hidens including **Barbara Sims, Rayven Fletcher and her friend Taylor, the Beauchamp and Guffey families, Karlene Brown, Bria Stevens, Amber Bizik, Cynthia Wold, Nancy Edwards,** and many more!

Thanks to the **Phinney and Maret families** for guiding our egg hunters on Easter morning.

Thanks also to **Linda Klamann, the Worship Committee, Nancy Klanjac, and Pat Eichner** for the beautiful sanctuary on Easter!

Extra thanks to **Nancy Klanjac** for all the extra bulletin folding in April.

And a thank you to **Terri Himes** for her wonderful key organization.

A special note of thanks from Dedra Beauchamp to **the entire congregation:** Thank you for making my first month as administrative assistant run so smoothly! And thank you to **Bria Stevens** for training me so well!



Prayer Requests

We pray for **Betty Phillips** and her family as they grieve the loss of her cousin **Pam** who passed away in Malibu.

We pray for **Linda Robinson's daughter, Chelsea,** who is fighting MS. We also pray for healing for **Cynthia Wold's mother** and strength for her **sister** as she cares for their mother.

We continue to pray for **Roy and Gay Anderson** who have many worries about their families.

We lift up prayers of praise with **Barbara Sims** for her **daughter-in-law's** recovery from cancer.

We pray for **Bill Randolph** who is serving in the military in Afghanistan. Keep Amy and Laura in your prayers as well.



Do you have prayer requests? Call or email Nancy Klanjac (nanklan1@aol.com; 967-5427), so the members of our prayer chain can pray for you, or call or email the church office (961- 6631) to have your requests printed in the Acorn.



From the Finance Corner

By Renee Meyer

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.”
Proverbs 27:23 NIV

Greetings and peace in the name of our Risen Savior! I had to stop and do a double-take when I read this verse that is supposed to be related to budgeting. I wondered what do flocks and herds have to do with budgeting? Perhaps they could be likened to coins and dollars? Does one represent income and is one a symbol for expenses? A portion of the next verse helped me make better sense of it: “for riches do not endure forever.”

As we begin planning our first non-calendar fiscal year, I find this verse important in helping all of us reach the best possible budget. Maybe the flocks are LMS and the herd is FOUMC. Whatever the case, we need to strive to make the budget work for everyone involved. That said, as important as it is for each department and committee to receive a portion of planned expenses, it is just as, if not more vital, that we have a good projection of what we can expect for income. Most of the committees that represent the largest portion of expenses are currently working on their budgets. The Finance Committee is creating pledge sheets for the 2012/13 year and will be handing those out to all of you in the next couple of weeks. Income from pledges will be the largest area of revenue for the church so it is crucial that we be as accurate as possible in planning income. The best target of money coming into the church we get, the more realistically we can plan expenses.

I’m hoping that you all have some knowledge by now that Council voted to allow Trustees to sell the leases on the cell towers. This has been accomplished and the church has received a sum of approximately \$384,000 after first paying off the remaining \$45,000 from the original loan from the Conference. There will be a meeting following the church service on Sunday May 6, 2012 in Wesley Hall to discuss the sale, as well as the Finance Committee’s recommendations on how to utilize the money we received. All ministers of FOUMC have a voice on how this money should best be utilized and I invite you to attend the very important meeting.

Long story short, we have a lot of action happening over the next several weeks at FOUMC. Please remain involved in the budgeting/pledging process and mark your calendars to attend the meeting on the 6th of May for an opportunity to better understand where we stand with the income from the cell tower lease sale. As always, please call me at 868-5070 with any questions you may have or feel free to send me an email at emphaticallyme@yahoo.com !

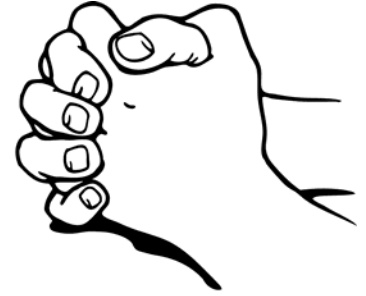
See you next month!!!!



FINANCE CORNER



Centering Prayer at Fair Oaks UMC Thursdays at 11am



Do you miss our Lenten Taize services and small group sessions? **You are invited to join our Centering Prayer group which is offered each Thursday from 11am to noon in the church library.** “Centering Prayer” is one way of praying, using silence and a word to focus on (such as “peace,” “joy,” or “spirit”) as a way of “training” ourselves to be open and receptive to God’s presence. From 11:00-11:15, instruction in centering prayer is offered; from 11:15 until noon, we do a bit of talking about our own prayer practices at home, and then we join in the silent practice of centering prayer. The staff at Centeringprayer.com calls the practice an “experience of God’s presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself” which is “both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.”

Caring Ministries By Betty Phillips

Caring Ministries has decided to temporarily discontinue soliciting for, purchasing and distributing Super Market gift cards. We will re-visit this procedure in the Fall. Contributions can still be made through your checking account, through the Finance Committee to the Caring Ministry Account. It is simply the soliciting that is being temporarily discontinued.

Thanks so much for your generosity in the past. It has helped to feed several families in our congregation.

Women’s Support Group Sunday Evenings in the Library

Ladies, please come to a FREE 6-week class specifically designed for women. The focus of the group is to identify hurts, habits or hang-ups that hinder our being in relationship with God. Also, to experience the benefit of fellowship that comes from being in a small group. A licensed counselor, Nancy Ellis-Cawley, will be conducting the meetings Sunday evenings in the Library, 6:30-8:00pm. Please contact Laurel Jensen to sign-up at laureljensen@ix.netcom.com or call (916) 903-6061.





Children's Time



Wanted: Children's Time Leaders

Do you enjoy the Sunday morning Children's Time as much as the children do? Do you wish you could sit in the circle on the chancel steps with them?

Why don't you? Pastor Jeong has opened this ministry to the entire congregation. Through Pastor Jeong, previous Children's Sermon leaders, and the church office, we have the support and resources you need to lead. Give it a try...you just might like it! Contact Pastor Jeong or the church office at 961-6631 if you are interested.

2012 UMC SUMMER CAMPS

Consider sending your child or teen to church camp! What is your child likely to bring back from camp? A greater awareness of God's love, increased self-esteem, lots of great memories, new friends to keep in touch with, self confidence, deepened faith, (and a pile of dirty clothes...) Every family can afford to send a child or teen to camp! Scholarships are readily available from the Sacramento United Methodist Union (SUMU) and from the Pastor's Discretionary fund of our church.

The Seven Foundations of UMC Camps

- 1) Provide Intentional Places & Experience
- 2) Extend Genuine Christian Hospitality & Community
- 3) Nurture Christian Faith & Discipleship
- 4) Develop Christian Spiritual Leaders
- 5) Teach Creation, Care, and Appreciation
- 6) Collaborate with UMC Agencies
- 7) Inspire and Equip all Guests to Do Love & Service



Toyon Kids Camp - Grades 3-6 (July 8-13)

Lodestar Super Kid Camp - Grades 3-6 (July 15-21)

Camp Quest - Grades 7-9 (July 8-13)

Super Camp Grades 7-9 (July 15-21)

Sr. High Grades 9-13 (July 22-27)

Adult & Family Camp (June 17-24)

FOUMC CLASSIFIEDS

Joanne Cossairt has an eggshell white leather couch about 7 feet long in need of a home. Please contact her at 916-725-3654 if you have a home in need of a couch!



Little Methodist Preschool Year-End Recap

By Elizabeth Avery-Hammond, director

Little Methodist School is nearing the end of another school year. It has been a good year, and we have made a lot of progress. Each year our enrollment has steadily gone up. We have had very successful fundraisers all year and are hoping to install air conditioning in both Rice buildings this summer. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraisers!

As I write this, we have 20 children enrolled for the fall of 2012 and we haven't even finished our school year yet! This is the highest enrollment we have had for fall so early in the year. On average, I give about two tours a week and have had more calls from the community about fall 2012 than ever. We are so excited and grateful to already be half way to our goal of having 40 children enrolled for the fall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in checking out LMS, there are flyers in the Narthex that you can hand out. We are also having Summer Day Camp from June 4th-June 29th. It is Monday thru Thursday and not parent participation. If you or anyone you know is interested in signing up for Summer Day Camp, give me a call at 961-0368.

As many of you know, we are fortunate enough to have Florence Perrin come back to teach our toddler class. Florence has been with LMS for over 20 years. Her vast knowledge about LMS and her teaching experience has been invaluable. We are so blessed to have her back with us. Sue Jas, who taught at LMS for 10 years, decided to spend more time with her family and pursue other interests. We were sad to say goodbye to her but are so glad that she has made herself available to us as a substitute teacher. It is so great to have such a wonderful sub who knows our school and families so well.

We have made some changes to the structure of our classes. The toddlers have two classes; the Monday/Wednesday class is for the younger toddlers (starting at 18 months) and the Tuesday/Thursday class is for the older toddlers (starting around 24 months). Our three-year-old class and our four-year-old class are combining and will be taught by Kim White. This will mean that some of our four-year-olds will spend two years with Mrs. White. That will put our four-year-olds and Mrs. White at a great advantage because they will already be familiar and bonded with each other and this will allow Mrs. White to focus more on their academics. Debbi Oliver is teaching our Prekindergarten class. This class is designed for children who will be going into Kindergarten the following fall. The goal is to make sure each of our students are taught the skills and academics they need to be successful in Kindergarten.



I want to take this opportunity to share my deepest gratitude to the members of the LMS Study Group. I am so grateful for all the support and input that each member has given us. I truly enjoy working with each and every one of you and am so thankful to have you as a resource and to help LMS be the best school it can be!

We are looking forward to our continuous growth in the following years. We are especially excited about celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2014! Ideas are already being bounced around about how we can celebrate this momentous occasion and are looking forward to the church celebrating with us!



Trustees Corner

By Diana Bodner

It's May, it's May!

That's right....May 5th is our spring workday and we are excited to get everyone involved. There is something for everyone! Our church is our home and our family needs to gather and help with the spring cleaning.



The projects are varied from picking up trash, to cleaning, weeding, planting, fixing, and spreading chips. This workday we will have people leading teams for different projects. Dale Doty and crew will be trimming the hedge. Steve Bodner and team will be working on the junipers out front. Lance Bach and group will be spreading the woodchips. Tom Wold and crew will work on putting in a French drain. We need a team leader for cleaning the gutters, cleaning the kitchen, and any other project you would like to see done.

We also need someone to take the lead on ensuring we have some food for these hungry workers for around 12pm on Saturday. It can be anything, even just ordering and picking up pizzas.



Where: FOUMC
When: Saturday, May 5th
Time: 08:30 am
Who: Everyone!





LETTERS FROM FRIENDS



Dear Friends of FOUMC,

We are fine. We have not had any illnesses.

We are getting "settled" in.

The people are friendly. The food is good.

Our granddaughter came home Friday from Rwanda in the Peace Corp. So we had a great Easter. Praise God!

Katy & Tom Houghton

Dear Friends of the Poor,

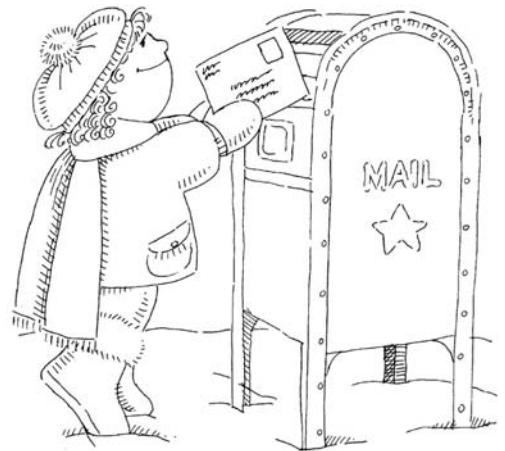
Thank you for your great faithfulness over the years in providing sheet cakes for the homeless and poor with whom our ministry works.

I believe it was dear Lola Morphis who first introduced the idea to your congregation to provide birthday cakes to help celebrate birthdays each month at the shelter we had on Stockton Boulevard.

Over the years thousands of hurting souls have been cheered because of these lovely cakes. I've seen not just children, but adults, let out a little cheer of joy at seeing the cakes coming and saying things like "Oh, they've got the cakes!" Yes, you have a reputation for making great cakes.

We've also enjoyed meeting Karlene who has lovingly brought these cakes to us over the years. We commend her for her kindness and helpfulness. We appreciate all your church family members who participate in this program. You've made sad hearts glad and fed them too!

**For those in need,
Pastor Deanna Jones**

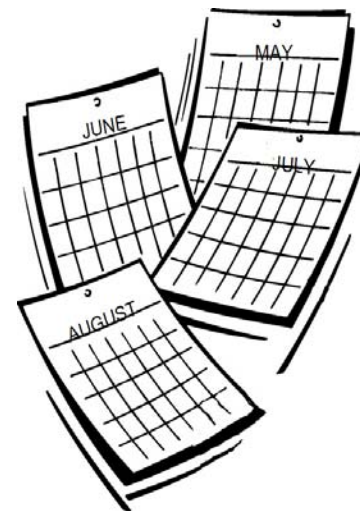


**"You've made sad hearts glad
and fed them too!"**



PASTOR JEONG'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

Pastor Jeong's summer schedule will include traveling to Korea and participating in continuing education classes and conference events. Mary McCollum and Caring Ministries will be available as needed.



Vacation – May 21 - June 10

May 27th's sermon will be lead by a reconciling speaker

June 3rd's sermon will be presented by Dan Hardt

June 10th's sermon will be given by our youth

Continuing education

May 14 – 18 (Monday – Friday) Pastor Jeong will attend a Festival of Homiletics, a conference on pastoral sermon presentations

June 20 – 23 Annual Conference – a required activity

July 2 – 15 Doctoral Class

July 1st's sermon will be given by the pastor

July 8th's sermon will be given by Bill Floyd on the Annual Conference

July 15th's service will be lead by Mary McCollum

If there are any questions or concerns regarding these absences, please discuss these with a member of SPRC. We take full responsibility for supporting these dates. We are hoping you will also support our Pastor's position to seek skills that will add to his pastoral position and benefit our church.

Members of Staff Parish Relations Committee include Gretchen Hatfield, chair; Elaine Bach; Ben Couch; Dick Easterbrook; Dan Hardt; Kathy McAllister



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our administrative assistant, Dedra Beauchamp, will be out of the office on Friday, May 11th to participate in Pioneer Days at her daughter's school. She will also be gone Friday, June 29 through Friday, July 6 to attend a family wedding in Kansas. We really need volunteers to cover light office duties such as answering the telephone on the weekdays that she will be gone. Please call Dedra in the church office at 961-6631 if you could help!



BRIDAL SHOWER FOR HOLLY KLAMAN

Sunday, May 6, 2:00PM

Celebrate the upcoming marriage of Holly Klamam and Justin Kennedy at a bridal shower in Holly's honor on Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 pm. The shower will be held in Wesley Hall. Holly and Justin are registered at Macy's, Bed, Bath & Beyond



CHANTEUSES RADIO HOUR AT FOUMC

Friday, May 4, 7:30PM

In a radio show format, Chanteuses will present a program of small and large vocal ensembles, with renowned Martin Beal as our radio host, Eric Stetson as our stage manager and ukulele player extraordinaire; commercials, weather reports, etc. SWAG will be selling light beverages and snacks. Tickets are \$15. Age 16 and under are Free! Contact Laurel Jensen at laureljensen@ix.netcom.com or call (916) 903-6061 for further information.



2012 SACRAMENTO PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 2, 2012

This year's Sacramento Pride Festival will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012. The parade is free and starts at 11:00 am on 4th and N Street and ends on 10th and N Street. The festival costs \$10 per person (children five and under are free) and is located on Capitol Mall near the Tower Bridge, between 4th and 7th streets.





The John Wesley Society Comes to Fair Oaks UMC



The Endowment Committee of Fair Oaks United Methodist Church announces the establishment of a chapter of the John Wesley Society at Fair Oaks UMC. The society was established by the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation to honor United Methodists who have remembered their United Methodist Church or any United Methodist ministry by naming the church in a planned gift. A planned gift can be defined simply as one that is given outside of the regular offering and is for a purpose beyond the day to day needs of the church. Planned gifts are often given from resources beyond one's check book (e.g. a will, trust, life insurance policy, pension plan, or an IRA.) They may be given during one's lifetime or be deferred until after the donor's death.

The society is named after John Wesley because he lived his life as a steward of the gospel in his ministry priorities, in his use of time, and in his use of money. He demonstrated what it meant to "Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can" in a way that led to overflowing generosity to the poor and advocacy on their behalf.

The John Wesley Society makes no distinction about the amount of a planned gift. Anyone who has made a planned gift to the Methodist Church's ministry is eligible for membership. The Endowment Fund is a fund maintained to provide income in perpetuity for use by our Church. The undesignated gifts given to the FOUMC Endowment Fund are presently directed to support 4 areas in rotation: children, community, choir, and campus. These gifts have a lasting legacy for generations to come.

The Endowment Committee is planning a Fall event to recognize those charter members of the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church's John Wesley Society. We hope you strongly consider placing FOUMC in your Estate Plans and leave a legacy for future generations. Watch for more information.

Lynn W. Phinney

Endowment Committee Member



Events

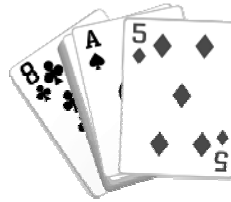
Book Club



Join us on **Monday, May 21st at noon in the church library** as we discuss Fannie Flagg's *I Still Dream About You*.

According to Amazon.com, *I Still Dream About You* is a comic mystery romp through the streets of Birmingham, Alabama, past, present, and future. Bring your lunch, and join in our lively discussion!

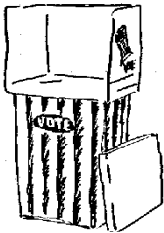
Pinochle



Roy & Gay Anderson will be hosting this May's Pinochle night on **Friday, May 11th at 6:30pm in the**

church sanctuary. Please come on out to the church's monthly game night. Our "professional" pinochle players are more than happy to teach newcomers the game!

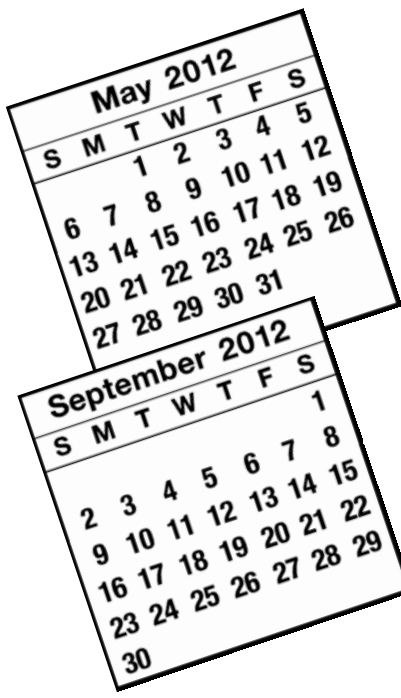
Fair Oaks UMC a June Polling Place



We will be a polling site for the upcoming election on Tuesday, June 5th. It is our tradition here at FOUMC to schedule a few people every two hours to greet voters and volunteers, point them to the restroom and offer cookies and iced tea as an act of outreach to the community. If you are interested in signing up for one or more shifts or providing cookies, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call or email the church office.



Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendar With These Upcoming Dates....



- 5/5 Church Work Day
- 5/27 Reconciling Sunday
- 6/10 Youth Sunday
- 7/14 Red, White & Blue BBQ

SAVE THE DATE! September 25 & 26 are Picture Days for having your picture taken to include in our upcoming Picture Directory. Much more to follow in the months ahead....



MAY MINISTRIES

Who's doing what, each Sunday of the month.
Please note open items; call the Church office to volunteer.



GREETERS

6 Nancy Edwards
13 Roy & Gay Anderson
20 Laurel Jensen & Daniel Palu
27 Sheri Johnson

COFFEE HOUR

6 Tongan Members
13 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
20 Dick & Sue Easterbrook
27 Dick & Sue Easterbrook

LITURGISTS

6 Nancy Klanjac
13 Steve Bodner
20 Barbara Sims
27

COUNTERS

6 Elaine Bach & Pat Eichner
13 Ellen Frosch & Bill Floyd
20 Steve Bodner & Mike Myatt
27 John Clune & Judy Shearer

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

FLOWERS

6 Cheryl Raney & George Roth
13 Loretta Dodge
20 Barbara Sims
27

Early Elementary

6 Ruby Wicker
13 Mary Maret
20 Frances Myatt
27 Adriane Samcoff

Upper Grades

Megan Cambridge
Gloria Phinney
Linda Klaman
TBA

COMMUNION STEWARD

Anne Rohwer

COMMUNION SERVERS

Bill Floyd
Nancy Edwards

HOW TO SIGN UP

You can help us out – try to sign up a month or more ahead of time. You can call the church office. For the children's Sunday school or church nursery, contact the coordinator of your area if you don't know your schedule. If you don't know who that person is, just call the church office.

Thanks for your help!



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The Fair Oaks' ACORN is published monthly by the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church and is distributed at the end of each month.

Next Deadline: Monday, May 21st at 12:00 noon. Submit articles to the church office in person or by email at office@fairoaksumc.org. Submissions may be edited for accuracy, length or clarity.

